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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CARDENAS

1. AS PART OF AN EFFORT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY TO MAINTAIN CLOSER CONTACT WITH THE VARIOUS FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, CARDENAS WAS INVITED TO LUNCH JULY 15 FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF U.S.-ECUADORIAN RELATIONS AND BILATERAL PROBLEMS. WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY WERE UNDER SECRETARY MAW AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS CAME UP IN CONVERSATION:

A. CURRENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE TUNA DISPUTE -- (1)TO DEPUTY SECRETARY'S INQUIRY WHETHER VISIT TO QUITO AT THIS TIME BY MOORE, CLINGAN OR OTHERS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ADVANCING REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSIONS, CARDENAS SAID GOE CONTINUES TO WANT TO AVOID IMPRESSION, PARTICULARLY
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IN CHILE AND PERU, THAT ECUADOR IS DEALING BILATERALLY

WITH US ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK QUITO IF A VISIT THERE BY A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WAS DESIRABLE.

(2) REGARDING A SEPTEMBER MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER AT UNGA, HE SAID LUCIO PAREDES SUPPORTS THE IDEA AND THAT HE, CARDENAS, FEELS THE ATMOSPHERE FOR SUCH A MEETING AT THAT TIME PRESENTLY

IS GOOD, BETTER THAN IN RECENT PAST.

(3) AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION ABOUT WHO IS TO CHAIR SEPTEMBER MEETING, SAYING HE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING COASTAL STATES. AT SAME TIME, HE IS WONDERING IF USG MIGHT BE PROPOSING A QUOTE NEUTRAL UNQUOTE CHAIRMAN. MAW SAID WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GOE ON THAT QUESTION IN DUE COURSE.

(4) MAW ALSO SAID WE HAVE PROPOSED ATTENDANCE BY CANADIAN, FRENCH AND JAPANESE REPS AT NEW YORK MEETING, AND WE HOPE THE GOE WILL ACQUIESCE. CARDENAS SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH QUITO, AS WITH THE MOORE/CLINGAN VISIT IDEA.

B. LOS PROSPECTS -- THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF OUTLOOK OF CONFERENCE AND PROSPECTS FOR 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS. ROGERS EXPLAINED ON LATTER ISSUE WHY THIS LEGISLATION WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY SOLVE ECUADOR'S PROBLEM AS FAR AS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE CONCERNED, E.G. THE TUNA EXCEPTION IN VARIOUS 200-MILE BILLS. IN REPLY TO CARDENAS' QUERY RE POSSIBLE OVERALL LOS SETTLEMENT IN 1976, MAW SAID IT IS POSSIBLE BUT ONLY IF ALL PARTIES MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO DO SO.

C. GOE UNHAPPINESS WITH LST DECISION -- AFTER CARDENAS RECAPPED CONVERSATIONS IN QUITO ON THIS SUBJECT, MAW SAID THAT IF THERE WERE COASTAL STATE AGREEMENT ON TUNA, CLIMATE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WITH ECUADORIAN NAVY WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED. IT WAS AGREED TO PUT THE LST ISSUE ASIDE FOR A WHILE.

D. GOE OIL PRICE REDUCTION -- RESPONDING TO ROGERS' DISCUSSION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WE VIEW GENERALLY AS POSITIVE, CARDENAS SAID HE WOULD TELL QUITO THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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U.S. LOOKS ON REDUCTION AS QUOTE CONSTRUCTIVE STEP. UNQUOTE.

E. GSP -- IN THAT CONNECTION, HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT NEW OIL PRICES MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL WITH HOUSE WAYS/MEANS COMMITTEE AS IT MOVES TO TAKE UP GREENE AMENDMENT. ROGERS SAID WE CONTINUE TO WORK FOR VOTE BEFORE AUGUST CONGRESSIONAL RECESS.

F. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH A GENERAL REVIEW OF

CHILE/PERU SITUATION. KISSINGER

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